

# News Release

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**Black History Month Story Idea:**

**California State Parks celebrates Black History Month at  
Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park February 10 & 24**

California State Parks celebrates the progress, richness and diversity of African-American achievement at Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park, site of the only California town founded, financed and governed by African Americans, in two special events on February 10 and 24. The park is approximately 42 miles northwest of Bakersfield.

On Saturdays February 10 and 24, the park will provide educational - and fun - experiences for visitors, with living history presentations and tours of the park's historic buildings.

Activities include the Black History Bee Contest (played like the game of Jeopardy) and the historic "Cake Walk" game - with prizes for the winners. Speakers will provide lectures on park history and architecture.

Vendors will have food and other refreshment for sale.

The Friends of Allensworth, a Cooperating Interpretive Association supporting Allensworth State Historic Park, and California State Parks are co-sponsors of this event. For more information, contact The Friends at (559) 485-5216, or The Friends San Diego Chapter at (619) 263-9101; or San Joaquin District South Sector Supervising Ranger Pete Yarbrough at (661) 248-6692.